

that chain smoker who has to go to the drawer and find that little addiction, they are coming back to it again today with a proposal to raise your taxes \$18.9 billion.

This tax increase would not be to go to support our troops in the war on terror. It would not be to cut the deficit or to pay down the debt. No, it would be to spend more money on social programs to the tune of \$150 billion over the next decade.

If you set your VCR and you ever want to know the difference, play it over and over again, and if you happen to lose the tape, you can just play "Nightmare on Elm Street" because that is what this tax hike would do to the American people.

BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC POLICIES AND THE IMPACT ON TEXAS

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about how Texas families and workers are struggling to survive during this administration's handling of our economy.

While Democrats here in the U.S. House of Representatives have been fighting to stop the exportation of American jobs and create more jobs here at home, the administration has chosen a completely different path.

In my State of Texas, we have lost over 175,000 manufacturing jobs. Health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush administration. The cost of a college education has increased by 28 percent in the State since the beginning of the current administration. Household income has decreased by \$204 over the past 2 years. 808,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Texas since the beginning of this administration.

How long are we going to sit here and just talk about each other instead of addressing these issues?

As the law-making body, Mr. Speaker, of a system created to serve, protect and enhance American ideals, liberty and longevity, we must rebuild our economy, put families first before corporations and stop the rampant outsourcing of our jobs overseas.

BROWARD COUNTY FUNDING

(Mr. SHAW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Urban Area Security Initiative grants. The Department of Homeland Security awards these grants to urban areas based on credible threat information, population density, and critical infrastructure.

Broward County, which is in my district, has been designated an embarrassing and unacceptable 10 percent of

this homeland security money by the city of Miami who has kept the rest.

Mr. Speaker, Broward County is the home of 1.6 million people. It also houses Port Everglades, which is home to 19 cruise lines. It also houses a large petroleum tank farm, which is the sole provider of fuel for 12 south Florida counties, including Miami Dade. The port employs 10,000 people and generates \$1.7 billion in business activity and \$545 million in wage annually.

Broward also has an international airport, which is located within close proximity of both Port Everglades and the petroleum tank farm. Broward County remains an extremely vulnerable terrorist target, and it must be treated as such.

So I am here to voice my unwavering support for the Department of Homeland Security to create a new urban area for Broward, as well as Palm Beach County.

This is my second consecutive day to come to the floor about this issue. I am speaking for my constituents and will continue to do so until this outrageous offense by the city of Miami is corrected.

THE ECONOMY

(Mr. FARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, California's the fifth largest economy in the world. One would think that the Republican administration would be paying attention to the economic indicators in California and realize that all is not well in the economy.

Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. Californian unemployment remains above the national average, and one in 10 persons in my District is unemployed. Jobs that have been created are low-paying and do not provide benefits such as health care and other important benefits.

There is a direct link between getting a good education and getting a good job, but the ability to get that good education has been undermined by the inability to adequately fund the best higher education system in the United States, the California higher education system, because students are now being turned away. Eligible to get in, all the tests, all the ability to get in, but no room in the inn. Why? Because this administration has failed to adequately fund the Pell grants and Perkins loans for students to make education accessible.

During the 1980s, we learned that voodoo economics did not stimulate the economy. Neither is hoodoo economics stimulating the economy today.

HONORING FATHER'S DAY

(Mr. RYUN of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday was Father's Day. This is a day specifically set aside to reflect and honor fathers.

Being a father is not something that should be taken lightly. A study by child psychologist Michael Lamb demonstrates exactly how important the presence of a father is in the development of a child. It found that a strong bond between a father and a child has a positive effect upon the development of the child.

It is a statistical fact that children with involved loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior. These children are also more likely to avoid high-risk behavior such as the use of drugs, truancy and criminal activity, than to children who have uninvolved fathers.

Mr. Speaker, even though the time to celebrate Father's Day has come and gone, the importance of being a father never diminishes. I rise today to recognize the caring and loving fathers for all they do for their families and also encourage them to continue to fulfill their role in the family.

HIGHWAY BILL EXTENSION

(Mr. RAHALL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we passed a fourth extension of the highway bill that expired last fall. That is all fine and good, but no longer can we leave the States holding the bag because of a veto threat from the Bush administration and a reluctance by the Republican leadership to lend the necessary investment that industry, commerce and the workers of this Nation want in our infrastructure.

Investment in our infrastructure spells jobs. Tell me what is wrong with a bill that creates jobs. One would think that Mr. CHENEY and Mr. Bush would jump on a chance to create jobs.

Since the first day the Cheney-Bush leadership took over in Washington, 9.9 million private sector jobs have been lost. Today, 8.2 million people are looking for work, and 4.7 million people are working part-time for economic reasons.

Unfortunately, this highway bill has fallen victim to political differences within a divided Republican party. Even though we have had enough support to pass this bill since last year, the divided Republican party has held up passage of a fully funded bill for months.

The President opposes congressional Republicans from both the House and the Senate. House Republicans are divided against each other. The President has even gone against his own Department of Transportation when they say what is necessary for investment in infrastructure in this country.